

1-1 By: Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.C.R. No. 96  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2015;  
 1-3 May 20, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 26, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 26, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Eltife			X	
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 West	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, As in previous sessions, bills have been introduced  
 1-17 in both chambers of the 84th Texas Legislature to modify current  
 1-18 statutes prescribing how legally required notices are posted and  
 1-19 advertised to the general public; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Abundant testimony against these measures in past  
 1-21 public hearings has cited statistics that public notice placed on  
 1-22 the Internet would not reach a large number of Texans, demonstrated  
 1-23 problems with archiving Internet notices, raised questions about  
 1-24 removing oversight and reducing transparency, and questioned the  
 1-25 cost-effectiveness of posting notices on the Internet or through  
 1-26 social media; there has also been testimony that publishing public  
 1-27 notice on the Internet or through social media would be efficient  
 1-28 and cost-effective and would increase audience reach and  
 1-29 transparency; and

1-30 WHEREAS, It is incumbent on the State of Texas to ensure that  
 1-31 public notification about vital information be efficient and  
 1-32 effective, and the issue of posting and advertising public notices  
 1-33 on the Internet merits further examination; now, therefore, be it

1-34 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-35 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house  
 1-36 of representatives to create a joint interim committee to study the  
 1-37 issue of advertising public notices; and, be it further

1-38 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
 1-39 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim  
 1-40 committees as the 84th Legislature may adopt.

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